

HOME EDITION

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GAS RATE WILL NOT BE RAISED

Kansas Utilities Commission Wins in Supreme Court.

No 30-Cent Supply for Kansas Consumers This Winter.

NO RIGHTS FOR FLANNELLY

Court Decides He Didn't Have Jurisdiction to Make Rate.

Utilities Commission Must Hurry and Make Rate.

There will be no thirty cent gas in Kansas this winter under the decision of the state supreme court which today held that the gas rate making power was vested in the public utilities commission. It was denied by the court that an interstate commerce issue was involved or that Judge Flannelly of Montgomery county had the right to fix rates for receivers for the Kansas Natural Gas company.

The court's decision is a victory for the public utilities commission on every important issue. While a writ of mandamus is denied at this time, the contemplated increase in rates by the gas company is set aside.

Ask Another Hearing. Relief may be sought by the gas company through an application for another rate hearing. The order of the court makes clear that the commission must allow a reasonable rate and on this flaring the receivers may take new hope. Failing to ask another hearing, the case will then automatically go to the supreme court of the United States.

State against the commission can be brought only in Shawnee county, the court held. It was reported at the state house today that a conference of the gas receivers and their attorneys may be held tonight in Kansas City. Immediate action is anticipated, although there is but a meagre chance that the rates will be increased this winter.

sustains Demurrer. In its findings today the supreme court sustains the demurrer of the public utilities commission which attacked the petition of gas company receivers. The court also sets aside Judge Flannelly's injunction against the commission, blocking that body's further interference in the gas controversy.

Acted in the supreme court as directed against Judge Flannelly is set aside and dismissed, the court said.

ALBANIANS TAKE TOWN

"Phantom" Army Reported to Have Swooped Down on Elbasan.

Vienna, Oct. 4.—The Neues Wiener Journal has a report from Sofia that Albanian troops have occupied Elbasan, sixty-four miles southeast of Essat, after defeating forces under Essat Pasha.

The reference to "Albanian troops" is somewhat difficult of explanation, as there is no established Albanian government. It is claimed that no satisfactory control of the country since the war began. Previous dispatches have reported that forces under the command of Essat Pasha, former provisional president of Albania, were fighting with Mirdites, members of an Albanian tribe. It is possible the Mirdites may be the troops who have occupied Essat.

BIG LOAN COMPLETED

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR., TAKES \$10,000,000 SLICE

New York, Oct. 4.—An important announcement indicating the success of the Anglo-French loan was made today by J. P. Morgan & Co. It was to the effect that no subscriptions to the underwriting syndicate will be received after 10 a. m. tomorrow.

John D. Rockefeller was reported today to have subscribed to the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan in \$10,000,000. At the Standard Oil company's offices here a member of the Rockefeller staff declined to comment on the report. Mr. Rockefeller is at his home at Pocantico Hills.

Overtures looking toward Mr. Rockefeller's participation were made about two weeks ago by J. P. Morgan, discussed the subject with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. After Mr. Morgan had called at the Rockefeller offices it was said authoritatively that Mr. Rockefeller would regard the big loan purely as a business transaction.

There is small likelihood that Mr. Rockefeller's participation will ever be officially announced, unless he sees fit to announce it. The syndicate managers have decided not to make public the list of large individual subscribers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The French war office admitted that the allied forces had been forced to fall back slightly after terrific fighting, but declared that the situation in general was satisfactory.

The German army headquarters declared that the battle in the Argonne district is proceeding successfully. Three Antwerp forts were declared captured. It was announced that the left wing of the Russian army had been defeated and 2,000 prisoners taken.

Petrograd reported that the Russians were prepared to make another attempt to invade East Prussia.

Vienna declared that the Serbians and Montenegrins were being driven from Bosnia. This was denied by the Serbians.

German forces have been engaged by the French in the Belgian Congo.

'COPE' GORDON ILL

Well Known Kansan Has Been Unconscious 3 Days.

For Many Years Was Owner of Copeland Hotel.

J. Copeland Gordon, 84 years old, pioneer Topekan and owner of the once famous Copeland hotel, is on the threshold of death, according to Dr. L. H. Munn and Dr. M. W. Mills, who are his physicians. Gordon's condition has remained unchanged for the



'Cope' Gordon, Well Known Kansan Character, Who Is Seriously Ill in Topeka Today.

the last three days, the doctors say, and they do not believe he will live more than a few more. The old-time landlord cannot recognize his friends and lies in a half-unconscious stupor in his rooms at Ninth and Kansas avenues.

'Cope' Gordon and the Copeland hotel are and were Topeka landmarks. Every politician in the state has heard of "Copeland country," the name that the hotel had when it was a famous political rendezvous. Many of the old school members of some of the memorable happenings in "Copeland country," and those who do not remember have heard.

Gordon came to Topeka in 1855. He went into the hotel business in 1863, built the Copeland hotel in 1882 and ran it until September, 1902, when it was taken over by James Chappelle, who ran it five years, when it was again taken over by Mr. Gordon and was burned in 1909. While in the hotel business Mr. Gordon had the honor of entertaining President Hayes, President McKinley and President Roosevelt.

Mr. Gordon's health has become run down because of his age and he is suffering from diabetes and general senile debility, the doctors say.

NEGROES WILL PROTEST

Those Opposed to Madison School Closing To Air Views Tonight.

At a meeting of the board of education which will be held tonight the Rev. N. L. Smith, pastor of Lane chapel, and other colored men will be present to protest against the action of the school board in closing the Madison school.

The Madison school was closed Thursday and the twenty-nine pupils of the school are now being taken in a motor bus to the Monroe school.

The colored people of the city believe that the colored teachers and janitors of the city schools are not being fairly treated.

FAST BATTLE CRUISERS

Speedy Fighting Ships to Be Included in U. S. Naval Program.

Washington, Oct. 4.—President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Chairman Padgett, of the house naval committee, decided today at a conference at the White House that the naval program for the coming session of congress shall include the addition of fast battle cruisers to the American fleet. The navy now has none.

BASEBALL TODAY.

At Boston—First game—R. H. E. Score: Boston 1 9 5 Boston 4 7 0 Batteries: Perritt and Meyers; Tyler and Whaling.

At New York—First game—R. H. E. Score: Boston 1 6 2 New York 5 9 2 Batteries: Leonard, Greig and Carrigan; Holey, Markle and Alexander.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler, with frost tonight.

CRISIS IS FORCED

Russia Cuts Issue Clearly in the Balkans.

Bulgaria Must Divorce Teutons or Face Break.

KING IS HELD RESPONSIBLE

Czar Not to Take Repressive Measures Against People.

Petrograd to Withdraw Its Minister at Sofia.

Paris, Oct. 4.—Concentration of the Bulgarian army has begun, according to a dispatch from Athens yesterday's date, to the Havas News agency. The correspondent asserts he has authoritative information to this effect. The total number of Bulgarians engaged in this movement is estimated at 350,000.

Petrograd, Oct. 4.—Unless Bulgaria has conceded fully the demands of Russia concerning the breaking off relations with the central powers by 2 o'clock this afternoon the Russian minister at Sofia and his staff will depart.

WAR NEWS BOILED DOWN FOR THE RUSHED READER

French troops have made further progress in the continuation of the general offensive movement on the western front. The Paris war office reports advances in the forest of Givenchy and at Hill No. 119, where the allies are thrusting at the defenses of Lens.

French airmen have been active behind the German lines and a squadron of them has dropped forty shells of heavy caliber on the railroad station at Metz.

The Greek government has seized the Macedonian railways, an official announcement says. Besides the Russian ultimatum giving Bulgaria twenty-four hours to dismiss German and Austrian officers now with its army, it is reported in Rome that the quadruple entente powers, acting jointly, will present a note to Bulgaria demanding that she explain her attitude.

According to Bucharest reports von Mackensen is on the Serbian frontier with 250,000 Teutonic troops and two thousand guns, withdrawn from the Russian war theater for the most part.

WILL TAKE NO RISK

Livestock Men of 13 States to Fight Cattle Disease.

Safeguard District From "Foot and Mouth" Outbreak.

PLACE BAN ON ALL SHIPMENTS

Kansas Would Not Endanger Territory by Carelessness.

Uniform Quarantine Against Shipping Will Be Asked.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 4.—Live stock commissioners and representatives of the cattle industry from thirteen western states met here today to consider the situation created by the foot and mouth disease. Each of the states represented are now said to be free from the disease and an attempt will be made at the conference to agree on a plan by which the district will be safeguarded against another outbreak.

Joseph H. Mercer, live stock commissioner of Kansas, issued the call for the meeting, following a conference with J. H. Avery, president of the live stock sanitary board of Texas, and Dr. D. F. Luckey, state vet-

VON MACKENSEN DIMITS

RUSSIAN FRONT TO LEAD MEN TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Bucharest, Oct. 4.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen, with 250,000 troops withdrawn from the Russian front, have arrived at the Serbian frontier and will direct the Austro-German march on Constantinople, according to the newspaper Epoca.

The Austro-Germans have about 2,000 guns of all calibers, the newspapers reported. General Mackensen is said to have established quarters at Versecq and Quenneville.

The above report is not confirmed from any other source. It is a fact, however, that the Austro-German center, commander by Von Mackensen, has been making no progress against the Russians for about ten days, although the Russians were not presumed to be in large force east of Pinsk. Dispatches from Swiss sources stated that the troops for the Balkan campaign were being withdrawn from Mackensen's army.

GUN PLAY FEARED

Mexican Witness in Reyes Murder Trial Searched in Court.

Attorneys for Accused Man Warn Officers Against Trouble.

A sensational turn developed in the murder case against Cristobal Reyes, a Mexican, in the second division of the district court today when Rafael Espinoza was searched by Joe Holman, deputy sheriff, for a gun. It was feared that Espinoza might start shooting in the court room because he said to be particularly bitter against some of the witnesses in the case. Every precaution is being taken by the sheriff's force to keep the Mexicans quiet and preserve order in the court.

The searching of Espinoza was a sort of safety first movement on the part of Holman. Espinoza has the reputation of being the worst Mexican in town," said Holman in explaining his reason for searching the man. "He was following Cristobal Reyes the day Reyes shot and killed Ysidro Ortiz. You can never tell what those Mexicans will do and we wanted to be sure that he was not carrying a weapon. I did not find a gun on him."

Feeling is intense. County Attorney W. E. Atchison and Robert D. Garver, assistant county attorney, who are prosecuting the case for the state, did not know anything about the searching of Espinoza. Neither did Judge George H. Whitcomb have any idea that there might be trouble in the court room. Attorney Mervyn H. Hickey for Reyes told this morning that there was intense feeling between some of the witnesses and that they might be trouble.

Reyes, the accused man, introduced this morning showed that Cristobal Reyes shot and killed Ysidro Ortiz at the home of Thomas Alfonso 12 Klein street on the early morning of September 6, Labor Day. The defense admits the shooting but plans to show that Reyes shot Ortiz in self defense. The attorneys for Reyes brought out the fact that Ortiz was reaching for his revolver when Reyes shot him.

Reyes' unconcerned. Reyes attacked the trial this morning with apparent unconcern. On his lap sat Napoleon Lopez, 3 years old. Reyes is the boy's grandfather. The youngster slept peacefully through the trial with his little black haired head nestled on Reyes' shoulder.

BOMB MAN ON TRIAL

Matthew A. Schmidt Arraigned in Times Dynamiting Case.

Los Angeles, Oct. 4.—The trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, on a charge of murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, October 1, 1910, was begun today before Judge Frank J. Willis. David Caplan, arrested last February in Seattle, a few days after Schmidt's arrest in New York, was given a separate trial on a similar charge.

The scene of the trial is the court room where James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to the same charge four years ago, and his brother, John J. McNamara, to the charge of dynamiting the Llewellyn iron works.

Among the more important witnesses for the prosecution will be Ortis E. McManigal, a conspirator, who was arrested in Detroit in 1911 with James B. McNamara and who later turned state's evidence. He has been living in Honduras since the McNamara trial, according to the prosecution.

BLAST BRITISH SHIPS

German Naval Airships Drop Bombs on English Monitors.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—(By wireless to Sayville)—It was officially announced today that two British monitors had been damaged before La Panne by German naval airships.

La Panne is a little Belgian village situated on the dinner close to the French border. It is three and one-half miles west of Furness. The submarine cable to Dover begins at La Panne.

TO TEACH MOTHERHOOD

Regular College Course Will Be Offered at Chicago University.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 4.—A college course in motherhood soon will be offered at the University of Chicago. Every branch of the subject will be taught, from the preliminary upbuilding of the health of the mother-to-be to the care of the growing child.

The course will probably be in charge of Dr. Marie Mayor, head of the university's medical work, including the university household. She sponsored the plan and her efforts have brought it to a realization.

TO AID OF GREECE

French and British Prepare to Land Their Troops.

No More Doubt of Greeks Entering World War.

TO OPERATE AGAINST BULGARIA

Railroads Seized as an Extra Precaution in Nation.

"Traditional Friends of Greece and Not Otherwise."

Paris, Oct. 4.—French troops have continued to make progress to the north of Arros, according to the announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon.

There has been almost continued fighting between the trenches, accompanied by artillery exchanges in the vicinity of Nouvron and Quenneville. There also has been artillery fighting in the Champagne district.

A squadron of French aeroplanes has thrown down some forty shells of heavy calibre on the railroad station at Metz.

Rome, Oct. 4.—A telegram from Athens to the Tribune says General Sir Ian Hamilton, British commander at the Dardanelles, has been at Saloniki to inspect arrangement for the landing of troops.

Athens, Oct. 3.—All doubt as to the entrance of Greece in the war on the side of the entente allies has now been disposed of. The official organ of the government says the landing of French troops at Saloniki is for the purpose of assisting Greece.

In regard to the landing of the French troops, the governmental organ says if for the present the government considers the assistance of the allies as premature it is none the less to aid and support Greece that the allies are at Saloniki. France and England enter the Balkan as traditional friends of Greece and not otherwise.

The Greek government has seized the Macedonian railroads, of which two are Austrian and one French. It was reported unofficially last week that the entente allies had landed troops near Saloniki to co-operate with the Greeks against Bulgaria. No official announcement to this effect has been made by the government. A patch indicates such a movement either as impending or has already been made.

WATCH OUT FOR FROST!

Weather Man Says "Old Nipper" Is Due in Kansas Tonight.

Better cover up your plants tonight, or take them in the house for the weather man says there will be a frost. It probably will not be heavy enough to injure corn, but may kill the sweet potatoes and small plants. The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Tuesday; cooler, with frost tonight.

The mercury climbed to 77 degrees Sunday afternoon but a northwest wind which started at 2 o'clock brought a decided drop in temperature. At 7 o'clock this morning the reading was 49 degrees and the mercury only reached 51 at 9:30 o'clock. The wind made 15 miles an hour last night and continued at that rate this morning.

A large range in temperature is possible on this date is shown by comparative readings. The highest reading on this date was 92 degrees in 1898 and the lowest 35 in 1889.

A cold wind from the northwest this afternoon kept the mercury down, and at 2 o'clock the temperature was only 55 degrees. The temperature tomorrow morning will be down to 40 degrees, according to the forecast of S. D. Flora, local observer. There is also a probability that the frost will be heavy.

It is the real beginning of fall," said Mr. Flora. Following are hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	57	11 o'clock	52
8 o'clock	49	12 o'clock	52
9 o'clock	49	1 o'clock	55
10 o'clock	50	2 o'clock	56
11 o'clock	52	3 o'clock	57

HONOR HIS MEMORY

Many Veterans Here Attending Noble Funeral Today.

Captain Taylor of Atchison and many officers in the civil war from other portions of Kansas are here today attending the funeral of George M. Noble, who was at the time of his death the commander of the Loyal Legion, the military order composed only commissioned officers in the war or their surviving oldest sons. Captain Taylor is the recording secretary of the legion. Lincoln post, of which Mr. Noble was an honored member, attended the funeral in a body.

PROBABLE OPENING LINE UP

Taking Ernie Shore and Grover Alexander as the probable pitchers for the first game, the lineups of the two clubs in the first clash of the world's series will be as follows:

Boston	Philadelphia
Hooper, rf.	Stock, 3b.
Scott, cf.	Bancroft, ss.
Speaker, cf.	Fager, 1b.
Gainer, 1b.	Cravath, rf.
Lewis, cf.	Ludrus, 1b.
Gardner, 3b.	Whitted, if.
Burry, 2b.	Niehoff, 2b.
Cady, c.	Burns, c.
Shore, p.	Alexander, p.

REHEARSING FOR MOBILIZATION OF CONGRESS



CONGRESSMAN SOFTAS MUSH CONGRESSMAN PAFRIKA TO BASCO



CONGRESSMAN HON. JIM WINDJAMMER CONGRESSMAN LUCE KNUTT

POLICE RESERVES OUT

Demonstration by Chicago Strikers Promises Serious Trouble.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Striking garment workers established picket lines in Chicago's clothing manufacturing district today, and in anticipation of violence, large squads of police reserves were ordered out to quell any disturbances.

A demonstration has been planned by leaders of the strikers to take place at the city council meeting today when a resolution protesting against the alleged curialities of the police will be presented.

Two hundred striking garment workers collected in front of the Continental Tailoring company's shop and in many instances attempted to persuade employees from going to work. Several clashes resulted. Police, brandishing their clubs, made two arrests and scattered the crowd.

Machinists on Strike. Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Five thousand of approximately 10,000 union employees of the General Electric company plant went on strike today for an eight-hour day. There was no violence. Other organized workers are considering striking. Of the striking men, about 2,000 are machinists and the remainder electrical workers. Probably 5,000 employees of the plant are unorganized.

Cashier Staged; Thief Escapes. Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 4.—The Ketter State bank was robbed of \$8,000 and locked in the vault. The bandits escaped in automobiles.

COURT IN SESSION

Supreme Body in Topeka After Two Months Recess.

Many Important Cases Are Pending Before Justices.

The Kansas supreme court convened here today for the October session after a two-months' recess during the summer. In addition to the suit to test the constitutionality of the state oil inspection act and the suit to determine jurisdiction over the receivers of the Kansas Natural Gas company and the rates to be charged by them for their product, many minor cases are pending before the court.

Among the cases on the docket for today was a suit in mandamus by the Kaw Valley Drainage Board of Kansas City, Kan., which seeks to compel the Kansas City Terminal company to raise railroad bridges over the Kansas river at its mouth, thus preventing the river overflowing adjacent land in times of high water.

The court's first regular "opinion day" will be held next Saturday when decisions will be handed down in some of the July submissions.

George Edwards Dead. London, Oct. 4.—George Edwards, the well-known English theatrical manager, died in London this morning after a long illness.

K BOATS IN LONG TRIP

Three U. S. Submersibles Off on Record Voyage to Honolulu.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The United States submarines K-3, K-4, K-7 and K-8, were proceeding today under their own power for the naval station at Honolulu, 2,200 miles distant. If they complete without aid the voyage begun at San Francisco yesterday a new long distance record for United States submarines will have been set.

The cruiser Maryland, naval collier Nanshan, tug Iroquois and torpedo boat destroyer Lawrence are acting as convoys. The K submarines will replace the F group which were withdrawn from service following the sinking of the F-4, off Honolulu last March.

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